

ample water supply. The State, however, is of the opinion that a "dry dam"--designed to store flood waters temporarily--is more suitable.

Were a dam to be built to store water, the amount of water runoff from the Raleigh area presents a problem of water purity. While this probably could be overcome, there is always the factor of economics plus the increased flow of the Neuse as a result of the Falls of the Neuse project.

With the eventual construction of the Falls of the Neuse Dam near Raleigh, flow of the Neuse River south of Raleigh should be up once the initial impoundment has been completed. Therefore, low flow problems of the past should be substantially reduced by this project.

While Selma is presently relying upon well water--with a backup supply of water from Smithfield--the possibility that the town may eventually get its water from the Neuse River should be kept in mind. It seems safe to say at this time that the town's decision on a future water supply (and the governmental entity controlling it) will be made prior to a final decision on the dam near Clayton. But when the issue is finally resolved, certainly some impact will be made locally and plans should be made accordingly.

Continued efforts to maintain the vitality of the CBD are essential as new commercial growth in peripheral areas occurs in accordance with the plan. Considerable progress has been made over the years in improving the exterior of numerous buildings in town but much could still be done, not that this alone is the answer to the problem. As growth occurs though, the integrity of the downtown business area should be on equal footing with outlying development.